

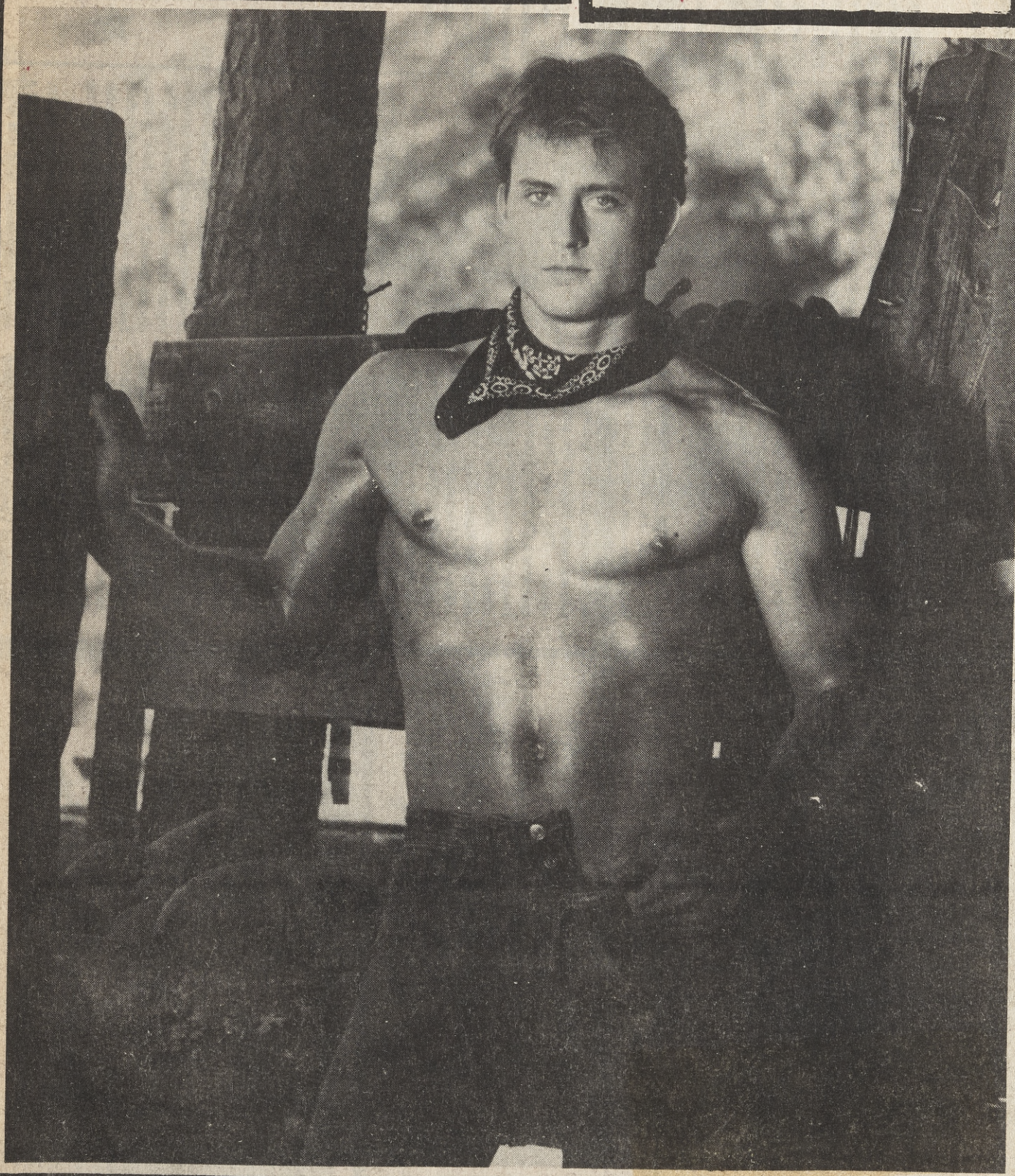
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The Story of the
Imperial Court System
of North America

by Ron Bluestein

Emperor Terry XIII of Sacramento. Jackie V and Jackie X of Reno. Sissy Spaceout of San Francisco. The Empress Chuchu of San Fernando Valley. What do these "royal" people have in common? Each is a member of one of the gay community's oldest and largest charity organizations—The Imperial Court System of North America.

The Imperial Courts—celebrating 25 years as a humanitarian foundation—are located in 50 cities, mostly in the western United States and in Canada. But their focus on fundraising goes beyond the gay community. The San Diego Court sponsors a Children's Shoe Drive for needy children. When a person from Idaho was diagnosed as having AIDS, the Boise Court initiated the Idaho AIDS Foundation. For a fisherman's son in Bellingham, WA, it was a first glimpse at the gay world and coming out while dancing with Empress Spaceout during a local coronation.

Many national organizations have found the Court System to be effective fundraisers on the local level. For many straight politicians, the Courts have proven to be an important entrance to a considerable political voting block and, ironically, a source of embarrassment for some gay political clubs, for whom the Courts present the very stereotype they want voters to forget: men in dresses!

Today, however, the Courts are more than "men in dresses." (You'd never catch Visitor Imperial, Viceroy, Duke of Dragonlaire, Charlie, of Stockton in a dress!) Many women are now active members, including the Grand Duke of San Francisco, the Emperor of Vancouver, the Empress of Idaho, and Grand Duke Allie VII of Sacramento. Women and men from all walks of life are attracted to the heart and 'haute' of the Imperial Courts. As the Courts proudly declare, "Everyone is welcome!"

Each Imperial Court holds Coronations for an Emperor and Empress—which are actually elections for co-presidents. Although the coronations vary from elegant to high camp, the Courts take their missions seriously. Nicole Murray, the four-time Empress of San Diego, compares the Courts to "Shriners, the Elks, or any such similar service organization. The money we raise goes directly back into the community."

The Courts are more than just a channel for money; they provide self-esteem and, in many cases, social and political clout. Whenever anti-gay manipulators have turned up—from Anita Bryant to Lyndon LaRouche—the Courts have raised thousands of dollars to help combat bigotry. When the Game Games had financial troubles in its beginning, the Courts were there before any of the rest of the gay community. The Courts have raised funds for the M.C.C. churches and countless AIDS projects, as well as community causes—the elderly, handicapped, hungry, and homeless.

Above all, the Court system is women and men—empresses and emperors, dukes and duchesses, and the leagues of courtiers—who choose to make a commitment. Deena Jones, the 1985 Grand Duchess of San Francisco, perhaps speaks for all Court Royalty when he said, "The decision to run for a court office was a personal commitment. I knew that I would have to dedicate the next 12 months of my life to the men and women of San Francisco, and with the help of a great court, I did."

The Imperial Court System of North America will be honored at "Night of a Thousand Gowns," a tribute to the pioneering role of drag in the lesbian and gay communities, Saturday, March 27, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

This first national charity ball is expected to raise \$500,000 to be distributed evenly among five organiza-

tions concerned with AIDS funding: the AIDS Action Council, the March on Washington Committee, The Human Rights Campaign Fund, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the New York Gay and Lesbian Community Center, which is serving as the local sponsor.

Donations per person are \$250 for "Night of a Thousand Gowns." To receive a formal invitation and necessary information on hotels, air fare, etc., please write: Night of a Thousand Gowns, 106 1/4 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Impersonators should make a note on their request to receive a special communication.



The Start of A New Year

by Ann Muller

Eight years ago, while I was thinking of other things, a small lump grew on my left breast, alongside my arm. The doctor found it. "You have a lump here," she said quietly, without inflection. It didn't hurt. It wasn't noticeable in the mirror. It was barely there to my fingers.

Within days both the lump and my breast were gone. Within months a second, even smaller lump was found and cut away. I've lived on something of an edge ever since. Numerous symptoms have appeared during the intervening years; there have been lots more scares but no more cancer.

Life-threatening illness taught me a number of lessons I'd rather not have learned. It also taught me a valuable truth with regard to time that is underscored by the start of a new year. The truth is that time is not in endless supply. Time is not something to squander while waiting for something better to happen. Time is a gift.

That recognition of limited time undoubtedly affected my response to Jason's coming-out message. I wasn't happy to hear him say, "Yeah, I'm gay." I also wasn't willing to live whatever time I had left with a barbed-wire fence between me and my second child. As it turned out, there was a lot of work to be done to repair the family damage that had occurred during his adolescence. That damage isn't completely healed even now. We're lucky to have had the time we've had.

Limited time is a truth that is also understood by my young friends with AIDS. His illness was diagnosed almost year ago. He and I have known one another for ten months.

Our relationship is unusual. The best way I can think to describe it is to say that even though our ages would make it appropriate for us to relate as mother and son, we do not. He is young, but he is also wise beyond his years. He has a mother; I have a son and a daughter.

For a while my friend and I weren't sure what to do with our time together. Mutual interests weren't obvious. We tried a McDonald's picnic, and his french fries were cold. We tried bowling, and I embarrassed both of us although he was too kind to admit it. He suggested miniature golf; I demurred. I suggested a movie; he demurred. I read aloud; we were both bored. We went horseback riding once. We went to the art museum once.

Our time, though, has developed high value. We play. I hid the single jagged piece of an old kitchen floor that was being torn out in his jacket pocket. He painted each jagged point with a two-toned color and returned

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the piece in a picture frame. He refused a dry leaf I offered in my hand and got it later in a gift box. We think of the same jokes simultaneously. We shop. We cook. We dance. We talk. We laugh.

"Time is what we live in," my friend says. Time for each of us has, I think, stopped being calendars and clocks and has become a quality measure. We're impatient with it, demanding of it. Most of all, we're aware of it. "This is a happy world," he concludes, "but there will be some sadness on the side."

"Yes," I answer him.

To Neil

by Sean Bailey

You came into my life
And warmed my smile again,
Soothed away the ache and gave me
Beginnings of hope once more,
Lifted me to dream among the clouds,
Dissolved my self-doubt with a look,
Gave me gods' legs to walk the stars
With but a whisper.

Now rainbows greet my mornings
And sparkle freshness through my days.

I touch the warm curve of you,
Talisman against the brooding dark,
And cup the fragile softness of your
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Blue has new meaning for me,
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HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan 19): You start the New Year watching little things grow. Just wait until you see how big it is by the end of '87.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): New Year's resolutions are made to be broken. So don't make any promises that you can't keep, cuz temptation is headed your way in a big way.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Time for a New Year's house cleaning. Throw out all those useless things you've got lying around the house, even if that includes your special someone.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): An old friend acquires a new sparkle when he acquires some big bucks. Don't be fooled. More than friendship with this guy will rub you the wrong way.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A sizzling start for the New Year is yours. Put those old lovers on the back burner. You're cooking with gas now.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): An old flame accuses you of being two-faced. Time to turn the other cheek and make a spanking new start with someone new.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): It's pie in the sky time. Time to stick in your thumb and pull out a plum. And oh, what a good little boy you'll find!

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Start the New Year with big travel plans. The stars say you're destined to meet up with a travel agent with a big itinerary.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Someone new peaks your interest, and when you get a peek at his privates, your interest will be compounded.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Venus in your House of Romance brings you good luck at a cocktail party. Yes, you meet up with someone with a great cock, and a tail that's even better.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Someone years younger comes on to you. Relax and enjoy it. There are millions of guys out there who'd love to have him come on(to) them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22): A mysterious stranger longs to get some hands-on experience with you. The stars say "beware." If you listen to his lines, all you'll get is sweet nothings.

William Tell Reviews:

"Hotel Hell" and "Grease Monkeys"

"Hotel Hell," set in West Hollywood, brings together several porno stars including J. D. King.

Two down-and-out hustlers meet in the Hollywood Hills. After sharing conversation and a warming fire, they decide to share each other's bodies. Soon a storm approaches, and one man suggests to the other that they bunk at "Hotel Hell." This sinister-looking building certainly has plenty of action going on inside, from vanilla to leather sex. Although somewhat disjointed in storyline, "Hotel" has better than average action and a quick pace.

Far better is "Grease Monkeys," the story of hard-working mechanics with plenty of hards-on. These macho guys provide services to their male clientele, with dedication and pent-up fervor.

"Grease Monkey's" storyline revolves around a midnight thief who strips cars at our busy service station. He is finally caught, stripped, and subjected to a gangbang that lasts for nearly 20 minutes. This is punishment?

"Monkeys" is fast paced, well acted, and full of good-looking men. With good photography and a fine musical score, "Grease Monkeys" is a must for your viewing.

(Both "Hotel Hell" and "Grease Monkeys" were provided for previewing by FILMS FOR DAYS in Sacramento.)

FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

Over the holidays, my lover and I held a cocktail party. We usually tell our single friends that they can bring a date if they happen to have one handy that night. Much to my surprise, several of the people we invited felt free to invite several of their friends without notifying my lover and me. Thank God we had enough libations to go around. What do you think of this practice of guests inviting guests?

Yours,
Breen

Dear Breen,

Many gays (both hosts and guests) feel that the more the merrier. A cocktail party is always considered a success if no one creates a scene with a bitch fight, and if there are lots of new and pretty faces to be seen. If a guest wants to invite other guests to a party, he should phone the host first and ask permission. He should also bring along libations of his own, or reciprocate by inviting the host(s) to a party of his own. On the other hand, if a guest's boorish behavior displeases a host, there's no law that says the guest has to be invited back for a return engagement.

Dear Eddie,

I've been going with my latest boyfriend for about two months now (that's a lifetime for one of my relationships!). Since things are going so well for us, I've been considering asking my lover to move in with me and promise not to see other people. My question is: What is the proper waiting period before one proposes marriage?

Sincerely,
Kim

Dear Kim,

Just like in the movies. If you're hearing wedding bells, it's time to pop the question. Obviously your lover has already said, "I do." And if it doesn't work out happily ever after, you can always invest in a drip-dry wedding dress.

THREAD LINES

by G. W. Lee



Happy New Year to you and yours from Designs by LEE! I can hardly believe that another year has passed and a new one is beginning. And what a better way to start this new year than with a few fashion resolutions! Yes, even in fashion dressing there can be mistakes, so let's try and avoid them.

I will hang up my clothes immediately and not just toss them anywhere.

I will properly hang up my suits immediately after I come home from work and occasionally have them cleaned and pressed professionally.

I will not try to dress outside my age bracket and be either looking like a teeny or a grandpa.

I will not buy anything that looks overly tacky, sleazy, or in poor taste for everyday wear.

I will wash my gym clothes regularly and not wait until they stand up by themselves.

I will follow attached clothing care labels and try not to wreck any clothes this year.

I will try not to dress like entirely like famous personality.

I will press any clothing that needs it and not let the wrinkles "get by."

I will dress properly for each occasion and not be too outlandish for a dinner party or Sunday brunch.

I will try not to mix colors that do no go together.

I will see that my clothes are properly altered and repaired so they will not make me look foolish.

I will polish my shoes at least once a month or whenever they need it.

I will fold and put into a drawer and not hang up sweaters.

I will try not to break any of the above resolutions!

If you have any comments, please address them to: G. W. Lee—Designer/President, Designs by LEE, PO Box 4503, East Lansing, MI 48823. Until next month, Happy Shopping!

MODERN MUSIC by Michael

1986 was indeed a strange and funny year for music. It resembled, by analogy, a badly produced, low-budget horror flick with a bad director and a cast of washed-up, best-forgotten actors.

'86 was more of a step backwards in time than that of a move forward. A step back so far that we found ourselves thrust into a world before the dawn of civilization, teaming with huge reptiles. It was indeed the year of the dinosaurs. A year musically in which "The Night of the Living Dead" became a reality. From the depths of rock's caverns of oblivion came these ancient relics of music's past bearing

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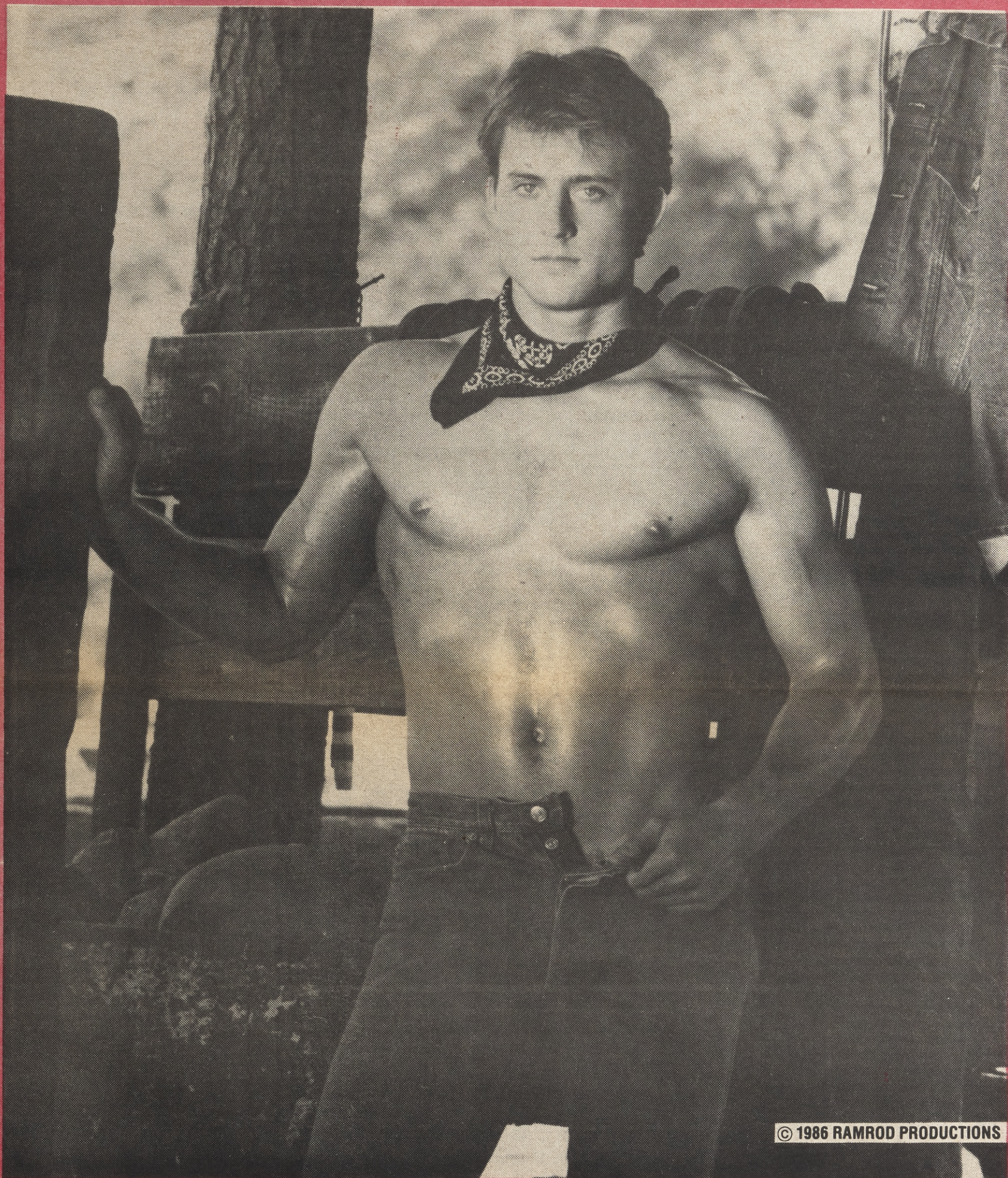
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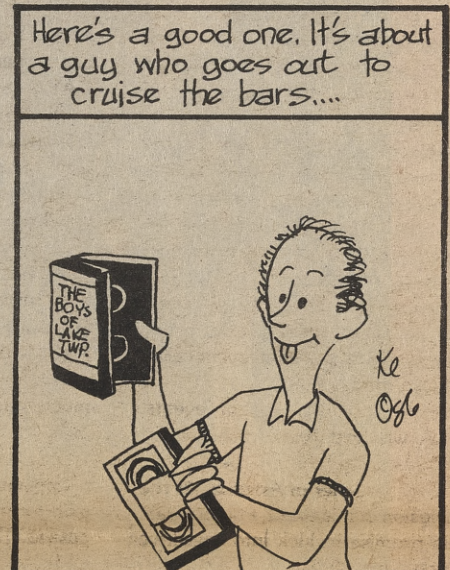
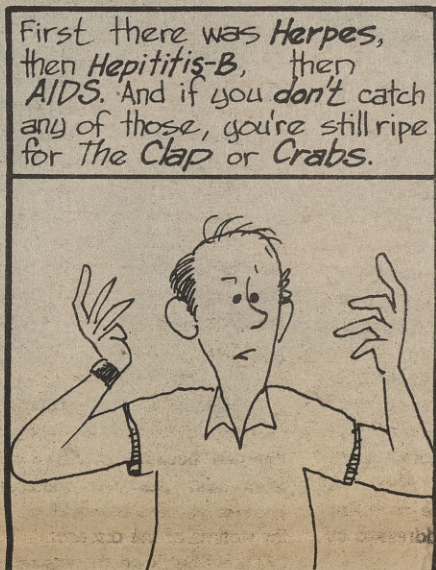
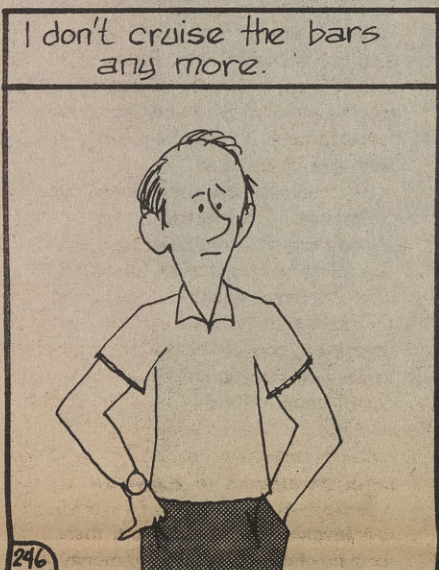
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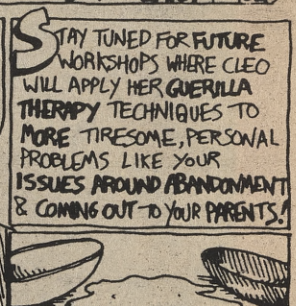
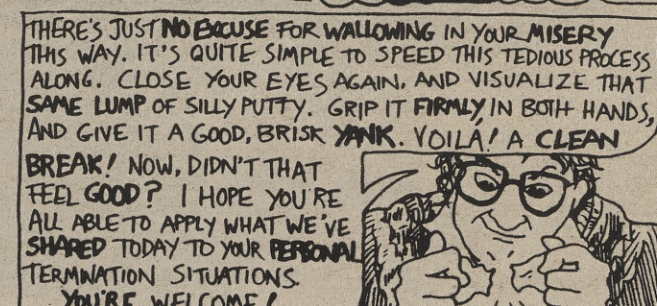
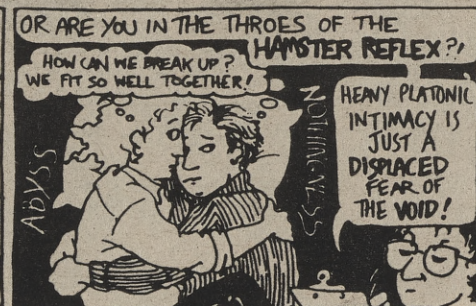
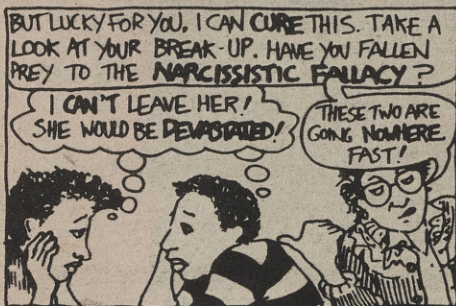
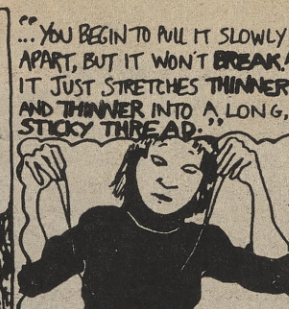
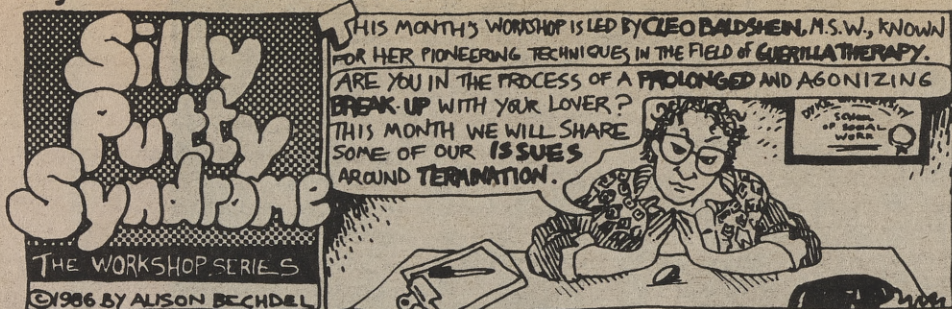
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PHOENIX

by Castro

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) has scheduled its gay rodeo for January 16-18, 1987.

Phoenix bars are revving up for a weekend of non-stop festivity. Officially, TRAX, a levi/leather disco bar, kicks off the rodeo with "Nocturne II." This all-night party commences on Friday evening, January 16 and will feature Stewart Barkal, prominent dj at The Probe (LA), spinning wax until 10:00 AM. The bar will serve a complimentary country breakfast at 4:00 AM and continue throughout the morning.

Next on the agenda will be the events at the Lienzo Charro Arena. Saturday Grand Entry festivities at noon open the rodeo itself and will feature representatives from the lesbian/gay community throughout the nation. Then an afternoon follows filled with every activity from bronc riding to a new gay rodeo event called the "wild drag race."

Shortly after the arena events, AGRA will host the Arizona Showcase, featuring talented performers from every corner of Arizona. At the conclusion of this event, Phoenix bars again promise to kick into overdrive Saturday night.

Sunday's area activities again resume at noon. Then they are followed by the concluding dance festivities and award ceremonies. For those party diehards, various Phoenix bars will again host their own activities to close out the rodeo weekend.

In the middle of what in most parts of the United States promises to be a cold, snowy January, Phoenix promises to be a sunny 70 degrees! So: Let's Warm It Up In Arizona—Let's Rodeo!!

Information may be obtained by calling the AGRA hotline numbers: (602) 230-1170 and (602) 938-3932.

PALO ALTO

Joann Louian, author of *Lesbian Sex*, seeks lesbians willing to complete a questionnaire to gather information for a new book. For additional information, write Joann Louian, 2443 B Ash St., Palo Alto, CA 94306.

CHICAGO

A campaign to demonstrate gay economic muscle by stamping dollar bills with a red 'GAY' \$ will continue despite a cease and desist order obtained by the U.S. Attorney General.

"Until our attorneys determine the legality of any action...we cannot in good conscience continue to urge others to join us. However, we have already received assurances from many that they will continue the campaign," said Frank Kellas, a Chicago bar owner who helped launch the GAY-\$ campaign.

The GAY-\$-stamped greenbacks first appeared within days after the City Council voted to reject an ordinance that would have guaranteed equal rights for homosexuals.

Organizers claim that more than \$4.7 million in stamped currency has been turned into the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago since the campaign started. But a federal spokesperson said there is no way to estimate how much currency had been marked, since the bank makes no special provisions to count "GAY \$" separately.

Organizers plan to continue to stamp currency until the ordinance is passed. They also said gay individuals and businesses would withdraw their money from a North Side bank which has removed the money from circulation.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry (AGLA) will hold its Annual Media Awards Show on March 21, 1987 at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. Awards will be given to motion pictures, TV, and theatre productions that have portrayed gay and lesbian characters in a responsible manner.

AGLA encourages the responsible portrayal of gay characters and issues in the entertainment media and works to eradicate employment discrimination based on sexual orientation in the entertainment industry.

For more information, please call (213) 871-8088.

SACRAMENTO

A Sacramento-based Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) was formed last spring in response to several legislative bills dealing with AIDS. The founders formed an association of gay organizations to raise funds for a lobbyist and to provide a grass-roots network to influence legislative and administrative activity surrounding California's AIDS program. LIFE has retained Sacramento contract lobbyist Rand Martin to represent its interests in the California capitol and has been building a presence in Sacramento over the past several months.

The organization has identified several areas on which it will focus its efforts. LIFE intends to advocate measures that will protect the rights and confidentiality of persons with AIDS and people who are perceived to be at risk as well as initiatives to guarantee health coverage for people who are uninsurable. LIFE will work with Assemblyman Art Agnos on an AIDS non-discrimination law and will seek to install an AIDS-education curriculum in every school district and care for people with AIDS. Also, the mounting problem of the homeless with AIDS will also be addressed by the organization.

Interested groups or individuals who want to join LIFE or contribute to its efforts should call (415) 392-2800.

HOLLYWOOD

Patricia Nell Warren's *Front Runner*, the story of a gay college coach and his star runner, is reportedly ready to be filmed.

In the '70s, Paul Newman was slated to star in the movie, but when the studio insisted the coach go straight and marry at the film's end, the project collapsed. Now, producer Jerry Wheeler is ready to film the story with Grant Snow as the object of the coach's desire. Newman, now in his 60s, has given his blessing to the script, but now believes himself too old for the role.

RENO

A Reno man, Fred Shoonmaker, has chosen a new site for his planned gay and lesbian town. His first choice was the dusty, crumbling mining town known as Rhyolite situated some 120 miles northwest of Las Vegas. But that deal fell through. The new site, as yet apparently unnamed, is a 40-acre, former goat ranch about 30 miles southwest of Winnemucca.

BEATTY

The town of Beatty, Nevada is quite close to Rhyolite, Nevada. For awhile, recently, there were plans to turn Rhyolite into an exclusively gay and lesbian metropolis. The good folk of Beatty are mighty relieved that those plans fell through because one of the main industries of Beatty is prostitution. In fact, the town lays claim to several flourishing whorehouses, and the fear was widespread that homosexuals might contaminate things.

MIAMI

A \$190,000 lawsuit settlement that recently returned a worker discharged because of AIDS back to work and paid his medical bills appears to be a tremendous victory for victims of the disease.

Tom Shuttleworth was reinstated with Broward County and was given a settlement that covers his back pay, medical bills, and legal bills.

Shuttleworth, a 33-year-old budget analyst, was diagnosed with AIDS in June 1984, and the county fired him the following September out of fear that he might transmit the disease to co-workers.

SALEM

The Oregon Corrections Division recently announced that kissing, embracing, and hand holding between homosexual inmates and visitors to state prison facilities is now permitted. The new policy came about as a result of a complaint from the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of a male inmate who was punished for kissing the hand of another man in a prison visiting room; a guard saw the action and thought it was inappropriate and as a result got nasty.

LEXINGTON

Kentucky's sodomy law was recently held to be unconstitutional. Fayette District Judge Lewis Paisley ruled that the statute, which makes it illegal for individuals of the same sex to engage in either oral or anal sex, violated Kentuckians' right to privacy under the state constitution.

"This is the first state court ruling striking down a sodomy law since the Supreme Court's regressive decision in the Georgia case," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the national ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We appreciate the courage that was required for a Kentucky state judge to apply the law of privacy in such a principled way."

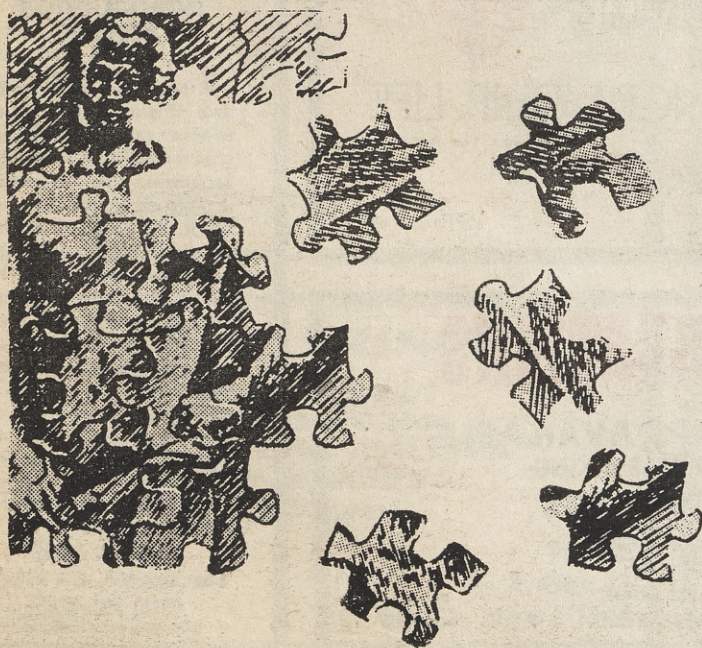
The charges were the result of an undercover investigation in downtown Lexington, conducted by police detectives who were wired for sound. The undercover detectives positioned themselves in a parking lot and engaged in conversation with people in the area. After extended conversations, some officers were invited home by unsuspecting gay men. In the specific cases involved, there was never an attempt or suggestion to commit a sex act in public. All individuals involved were adults and there were no offers or requests for money. All invitations were to take the undercover officers home.

A District Court's ruling does not bind the entire judicial system in Kentucky. If the case is appealed, however, the ruling by the higher court will be binding throughout the state.

BOSTON

In Boston there is a group which calls itself the United Fruit Company (UFC). UFC recently published a calendar entitled "Hunks of Nicaragua" which combines erotic gay images with facts about American support for the Contras. More information is available at United Fruit Company, c/o Gay Community News, PO Box UFC, 167 Tremont Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02111.

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Thinking About
The Future: What Lies
Ahead For Gays At Work?

by Stephen Dolainski
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In the last year, we have covered a number of topics in this column that dealt with specific and immediate problems about being gay in a non-gay work setting. We've offered specific suggestions for handling those situations. Now, at year's end, it's appropriate to take a look at the larger picture, consider what lies ahead, and offer some long-range strategies.

We invited some prominent individuals in the gay community to offer their observations. AIDS emerged as the area of greatest concern. As the disease affects more people in both the gay and straight communities, civil-liberties issues such as AIDS testing will cross sexual-orientation lines to affect the workforce in general. But AIDS will continue to impact dramatically in the gay community.

Ralph Navarro, founder of the Cream City Business Association and a co-founder of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, thinks we will see "broader justification for homophobia in the workplace due to AIDS."

Navarro, who has held office for a number of years in the National Association of Business Councils, says he has already seen evidence of that trend. "I've been watching business and professional people moving back deeply into the closet," he says. "I believe we will see this for another two to four years."

Michael Weyand, editor of the Greater Gotham Business Council newsletter, reminds us that controversy about the insurability and employability of gay people will continue to surface. Weyand, who is also the associate producer of the "Pride and Progress" news program cablecast on the Gay Cable Network, expresses concern about a "conservative backlash." That backlash, he says, will propel some employers to continue discriminating against hiring gays and will cause conservative groups to press for new anti-gay legislation.

John Heilman, West Hollywood (California) city councilmember, agrees that AIDS-related discrimination will continue. "But," he adds, "as people become more educated about the disease, the job discrimination will taper off."

David Poot, a former president of both the Greater Seattle Business Association and the National Association of Business Councils, also offers a positive observation. Poot, who sits on the boards of the Northwest AIDS Foundation and the Pride Foundation, says "AIDS has forced the general public to come out of its 'closet' and talk about gay and lesbian issues. Slowly, we are finding each other not to be as different as we once thought."

It is clear that AIDS will have a significant effect in the workplace. But as these comments suggest, just how damaging that effect will be on gay workers in terms of homophobia, job discrimination, and job security remains to be seen.

We can at least try to minimize the effects AIDS will have on our jobs by the actions we take now. As we've suggested in previous columns, keeping ourselves well informed about the disease, particularly about its causes and transmission, prepares us to deal with the ignorance and fear of uninformed co-workers. Our self-education should also enlighten us about where to turn for help in combating discrimination and fear in the workplace. Mary Rowe, an adjunct professor at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, has advised us to research the educational or support programs already in place at other companies. That information, she suggests, could be presented (anonymously if necessary) to employers as a model for management's role in handling AIDS in the workplace.

John Heilman, Michael Weyand, and others also cited education as the

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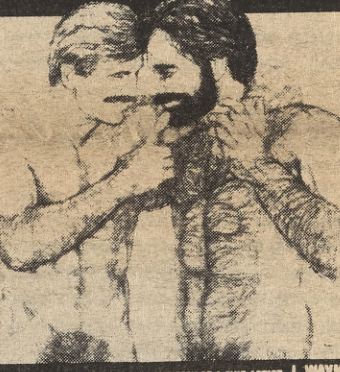
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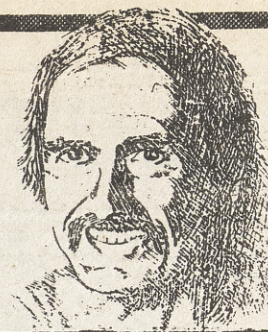
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Do you want a relationship...or a fairy tale? Because if what you want is a fairy tale (and most of us have grown up expecting something like that...like the happy endings of the movies with the cottage with the white picket fence and the roses) then that's NOT a relationship. That's the movies! Or it's the soap operas; and that's what you get at best—soap operas! Is that what you want with your life? Passion? Pursuit? Violence? Tragedy queens (and kings)? Is that what you want? Because that's what you set yourself up for if you are still in search of "the" perfect wo/man for the "perfect" relationship. You set yourself up for disappointment after the first few months...or weeks...or only days of breathless passion. Or, worse yet, for deep disappointment and violent quarrels and even destructive behavior. For the opposite side of the coin of heedless passion is passionate fury.

Stop and think. Take the time to remember the disappointments and the real fury of anger that always came up along with that. And the days or weeks or months of pain and grief involved before you finally "got over it." Is that what you want?

That is what you get—that is what you've got—probably more than once in your pursuit of that "prince" or "princess."

How about a Relationship (with a capital "R")? How about taking the time and the patience and the sustaining energy that is required to connect, commence, construct, and continue a relationship? It takes time, you know, and it takes the development of trust, and it means growing, changing, enlarging of both yourself and your partner. It means a letting go of expectations—for the opposite of every expectation is bitter disappointment! It means having the willingness to discover that there is "more" to being in relationship than you'd ever imagined there would be. It requires being able to recognize that you can change! That you can learn, grow, expand. That your horizons had been limited in the past by your expectations, and that beyond those expectations (which you now begin to realize were actually limitations) is a larger and more open, trusting, caring "you" that you hadn't quite expected, but that you are ultimately deeply gratified to discover and to embrace! And, you will learn that as you are finding that out about yourself, your new partner will be making these same discoveries about himself or herself...and that a relationship involves the discovery of whole new realms of being beyond the wildest dreams of either of you! And, it is the most complete confirmation that "there is MORE" you have not yet found....

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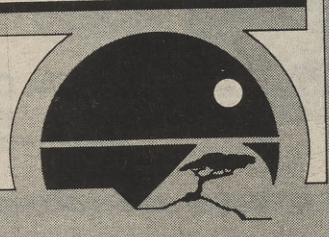
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such mold-encrusted names as ELP, GTR, KBC, THE MOODY BLUES, KANSAS, BOSTON; and even the fun-loving grandfathers of '70s rock, THE MONKEES, were exhumed and propped up for all to see once again.

Why this ghostly rise of the dead crawling back onto the charts and moaning again in the halls of music (this time in flesh as opposed to their latent spirits)? What record-buying public could have summoned these creatures back into existence, thirsty for new life, and lusting for a new generation of profits and the youthful immediacy? It would have to be that of a new generation of rockers born too late to experience rock 'n' roll's hey day, waning for a musical era when musicians were artists and not computer programmers; and music was designed to be heard by the ear, not the eye; when rhythms generated their own specialty, not merely another slick production package. As 1986 fades away, it leaves its living dead to walk this earth for another generation—a second time around, so to speak—jamming radios with golden (now current once again) oldies: "Stand by Me," "Twist and Shout," "25 or 6 to 4," "Don't Stand So Close To Me '86," and "Don't Walk Away Renee" showing that what was then is now again.

The younger bands still turned out a more stylish/progressive edge of rock, still untrusting by that of the rigid guidelines of rock/pop radio, though they still find alternate support through the club circuit. And there was this year a change in traditional country music, by which new artists fused honky-tonk and new-grass venues with more basic rock 'n' roll. Again another direction into our lapsed years. Even the most progressive borrowed from the past. So-called New Age music, with its highly stylistic forms, reached back evoking sounds of PINK FLOYD and progressive rock—once more through the door, yesterday's door.

'86, musically, had several other unhappy shades—breakups; it was a year in which several group leads took off in search for individual freedoms...solo careers...After only three years, George Michael and long-time friend, Andrew Ridgely aka Wham, ended all with a farewell show at London's Wembley Stadium, citing management problems as the reason for the split...Off with Oates—just Hall. That's what it will be—no more Hall & Oates. Daryl Hall stated in a recent interview that he felt he had done "...full circle with John." The group which won a Grammy for best group and a few for best songs, along with having four plus platinum albums, has ceased operations. Hall currently has a successful solo LP entitled, "Three Hearts in the Happy Ending Machine"...Love ends between David Lee Roth and Van Halen, as Roth went solo and Van Halen scored with their current album "5150"...Peter Cetera, long-time lead of the super group Chicago, went out to play and made big with "Glory of Love" and "Next Time I Fall" from his solo venture, "Solitude/Solitaire"...Mick Jagger remains to be difficult when it comes to the Stones, refusing to tour with the group and continuing to score with hit solo records...

But, throughout the year of the living dead, there was little room for musical praise or optimism, a large change from 1985 which saw positive musical progress toward fresh new sounds and groups, several of which have died away. It was all around a sterile and non-enlightened passage of time, best thought of in memory. But such events are sometimes a prelude of a new musical happening, the arrival of a new super group or prophet of music like that of Bob Dylan, a new sound and direction for newer times that await us. Whatever is to happen in 1987 remains still open to second guess and suggestion. It is indeed in hope that the new year will point a way out of this age of dinosaurs and pace pop music forward returning it to the age of the LIVING!

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dreamed. And, the strange and wonderful secret about that is that it is something quite other than what you had thought! It is challenging; it involves learning; it requires expanding and extending your horizons; it is exhilarating, invigorating, life-affirming.... It is the opportunity to discover that you are—you can be—so much more than you ever dreamed that you could! And, it is the requirement that you discover that s/he is so much more than you had hopes (or feared) s/he would be! And, as you are finding that out, you can now make those earth-rending discoveries in joy and delight, rather than in sadness and disappointment.

Does all of that sound worth it? Are you really open, ready, willing to have all of that? If you are, great! Let's go for it. It does mean taking on the largest single challenge of your life! It does mean that you will have to learn that you—yes you!—can change! It may even mean that you'll have to find out that some of the time and in some situations (and even in some cherished long-standing beliefs) you were "wrong." Is it worth it?

The American philosopher, John Dewey, said it this way: "Let us grant the case for the conservative—for once you truly open the door to new ways of being and thinking, you put the whole of the stable universe into peril, and no one can predict just where you will come out?" If you are "conservative," that is most assuredly your right and you indeed do have a clear "case." A Relationship will most clearly put your "stable universe into peril." If you want your stable universe, let the idea of Relationship go; it is not for you.

A Relationship is for the adventurous, the daring, the brave.

(Ralph Walker does speak from experience. After eight years with Patrick, both of them are clear they are in Relationship for Life—and that it is indeed "worth it!" Ralph Walker, Ed.D., is creator of The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience. He can be reached at PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461.)

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key to preparing ourselves. Heilman says, "We must become experts on the AIDS issue and help our fellow employees learn about and understand the disease. By being open about our own sexual orientation, we can be resources for our fellow employees as they deal with the AIDS crisis."

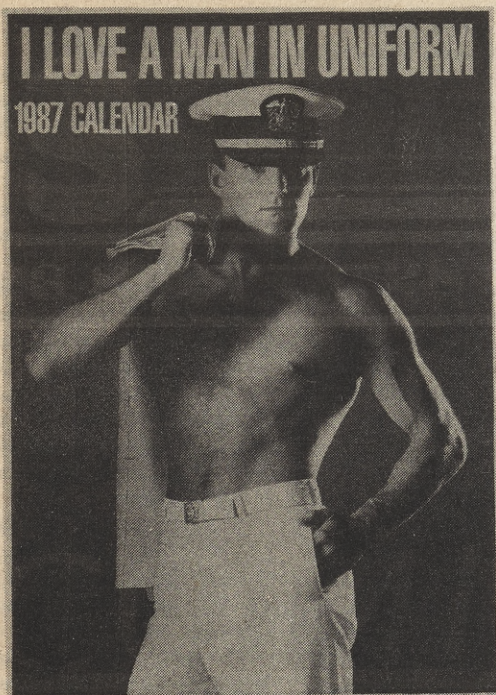
Heilman's comment about openness raises another issue gay men and lesbians face in the workplace: coming out.

Roger Biery, author of the forthcoming book, *Understanding Homosexuality*, foresees little or no change in the status of gay people in the workplace until more of us come out to our co-workers. "The private sector and even the public sector virtually ignore homosexuality as an issue. Reform will take years of significant effort." Coming out at work, says Biery, will force companies to address the issue. "Nothing else will work," he says.

Ralph Navarro takes a similar stand. "As corny and overstated as it sounds, I find that coming out, being direct, and challenging all levels of homophobia makes life much easier to live."

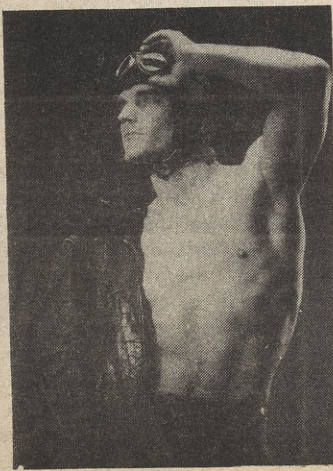
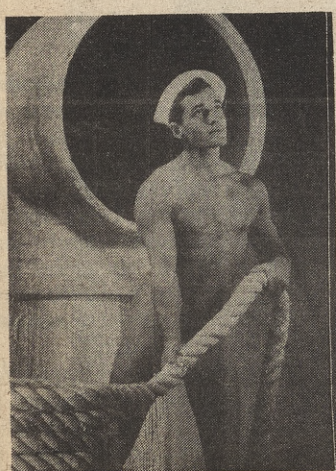
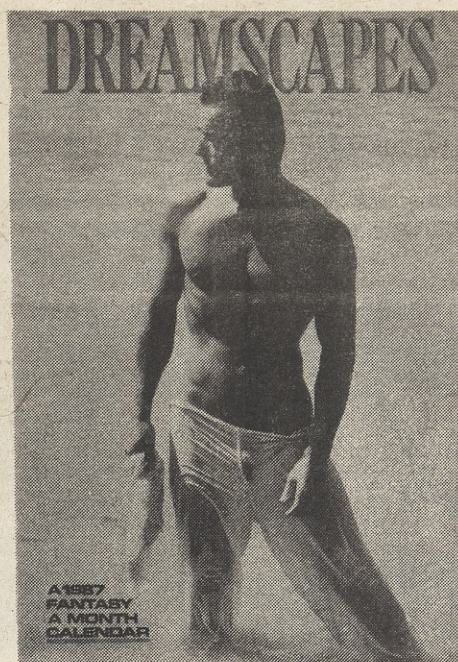
Coming out is a personal decision, of course. Whether or not we are out at work, we can challenge homophobia by supporting and expanding organized gay political efforts, says Michael Weyand. "It takes a long time to change attitudes and perseverance to do it. Naturally, we must be vocal in letters to editors of local papers and in creating our own (gay) media. But it begins with voting."

David Poot extends that thought when he says that we must go beyond just gay and lesbian issues to become involved in "issues of our community as citizens who also happen to be gay or lesbian."

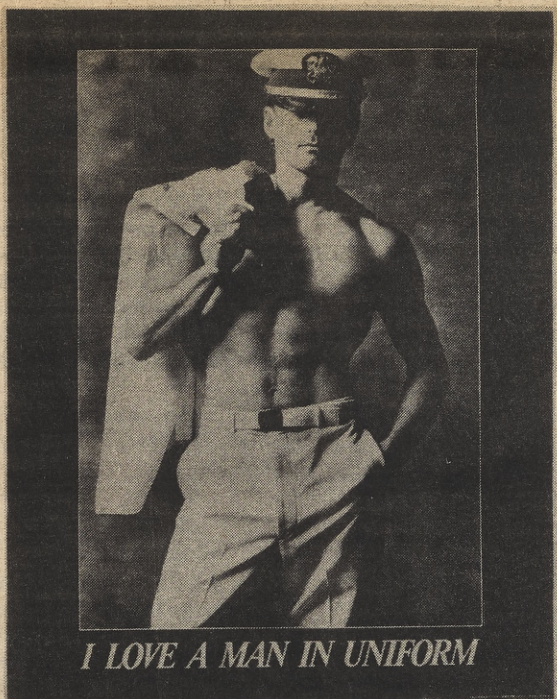
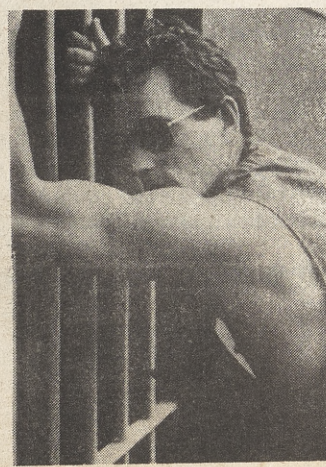


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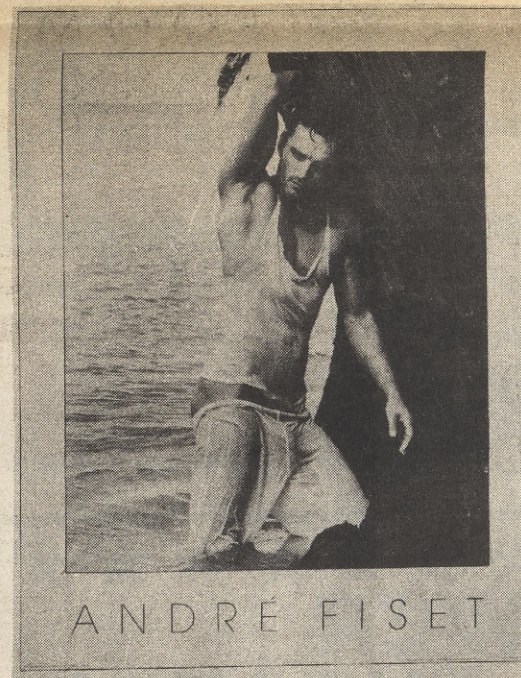
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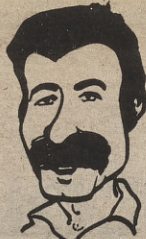
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America's most exotic tropical outpost is "hot" in many ways. Even the oldtime Conch (pronounced conk) families have more or less reconciled themselves to the growing number of gay tourists. Let's face it: Gays mean big bucks. There are still some red-neck conclaves around, but avoid them and they won't bother you. Even the police and cab drivers have a more realistic attitude than they did a few years ago.

There are so many hot numbers at the guest houses, motels, or wherever that you may never make it out to the bars; but who cares? Among the many popular places to stay (listed alphabetically so I won't get shot) are Alexander's Guest House, Authors of Key West, Big Ruby's, Blue Parrot Inn, Coconut Grove, Colours of Key West, Cypress House, Duval House, Garden House, Island Palms of Key West, Pines Guest House, and the Sea Isle. The Early House and Oasis are strictly for men, while women prefer Ellie's Nest and Sweet Caroline.

On my last visit, I stayed at La Terresa de Marti, known locally as LA-TE-DA. The management, staff, and accommodations could not have been nicer. I would strongly recommend it for young men in their 20s and 30s.

The Copa Key West at 623 Duval Street, beneath a pink theater marquis, remains the current dop disco. They have recently added a patio bar and a levi-western bar in back. Across town is the Papillon at South and Simonton, which can be good days and often has a cruisy cocktail hour. Last, but certainly not least, is the 1 Saloon on Applerouth Lane just off Duval Street. Many western or leather jocks curising the areas eventually stop there.

Quaint old Key West with a population of only 25,000 is the southernmost city in the continental United States. It can be reached by the tedious, long, narrow Overseas Highway, some 160 miles south of Miami, or by frequent daily flights to and from Miami or Tampa on PBA, Eastern, or Piedmont Airlines. Long before it was "discovered" by most of us in the early 70s, it was a favorite with such diversified celebs as John James Audibon, Ernest Hemingway, Harry Truman, and Tennessee Williams. They must also have loved the laid-back atmosphere, easy living, and warm tropical breezes.

Of the many excellent restaurants in Key West, many are gay owned and staffed. Although none cater to an exclusively gay clientele, on many nights you may find more gays than straights. Some of my favorites include Antonia's, Claire, Cafe des Artistes, Cocoanuts, Las Palmas, La Te Da, Louie's Backyard (magnificent), Pier House.

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '87, America's foremost travel guide, available at most better bars and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$14 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, PO Box 11-270, San Francisco, CA 94101-7270. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide at \$25.

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY!

by Darin Micael Dark

Everyone somewhere beyond the age of adolescence has fears and worries about their physical prowess and skill. Especially the more you feel about the person you're in bed with, the more natural and reasonable these worries are. In addition to your masculinity or femininity, the more you care about yourself, the more you are expected to worry about the way you look, or the way you think you appear to others; only someone with a suspect self esteem doesn't care about the way he or she maintains his or her personal hygiene and appearance.

We agree that worries about how one appears to others and concerns about how one is performing one's job and maintaining one's personal and social life are more than natural and expected; there are other personal tensions that fall into this category of normal worries as well. They are not what this column is about, however. Concerns about physical skills is.

We feel way too much time and money is spent on sexual performance and too much concentration is placed on whether or not someone is good in bed (especially on a first-date basis), whether or not they can cut the sexual mustard.

The basis for that rather bold statement comes from our attitude that there is nowhere close to enough romance in our lives these days. Nowhere at all.

OK, we'll admit that roses and serenades and chaperoned dates are slightly out of synch with the modern times, but we still insist that the common pick-up is not the way to meet people either, especially if going to bed with them is essentially what you have in mind somewhere down the road. And this is not even considering the AIDS crisis; with that in mind, it is even more crucial that you think about this.

In the third issue of the *Violet Moon Journal*, an illustration of what we are talking about was in the Advisor section:

"Dear Advisor," the person wrote, "I have met a man I feel very deeply for. With him, I feel the most whole and wanted I have ever experienced before in my life. He is wonderful in every way I can mention, and makes me feel as if I am the most special person he has ever met. I am scared, though; I am 48 and have often had potency problems. What would I do if I went to bed with this man and couldn't get and/or keep it up? What I would do is die! Can you help?"

The Advisor responded: "Dear Reluctant Romeo: You did not mention whether or not you have ever had a lover relationship before; I can see, I think, that you never have. You will find that the first time with this man, if that ever happens, will be scary. It's natural, the more you care about somebody, to worry about how you are going to perform and whether or not you will impress him with your skill and prowess. More potency problems are caused by these concerns than by all other reasons combined. You do not have to worry! You do not have to be concerned with how you 'do' with this man. The less you get wrapped up in it, the more wonderful the sex will be. In other words, don't get so wrapped up in worrying about sex that you forget about everything else that's important in putting a bonding together. Remember, if this man loves and appreciates you as you are without ever having gone to bed with you, he will likely understand if there are some slight problems when you finally do get there. And keep in mind, too, that the more often after that first time that you go to bed with him, the better it will get! If you get past the hang-ups about how good you are going to be, the more you will realize that sex is a learning experience and shared (and therefore takes two to make successful or disastrous), and each additional time you find yourselves making love, it will get better and better. As the empathy grows in and out of bed, I can almost guarantee that reasons for worry will diminish. And, Good Luck!

CROSSROADS From Page 7

AUSTIN

A statewide conference to promote networking in the gay community in Texas is scheduled at the University of Texas Law School in Austin on January 24 and 25, 1987.

The conference will attempt to build a grassroots effort to repeal a repulsive state statute.

Some of the topics will be: Building the Lesbian/Gay Network, Networking with the Non-Gay Community, Fundraising Techniques and Organizing the Lesbian/Gay Community at the Local Level. There will also be small group discussions in which to share unique perspectives on local community issues.

The conference is scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 24 and is being sponsored by gay organizations in Austin and San Antonio. There will be a minimal conference registration fee, and the conference is open to all interested persons or organizations.

For more information, write Texas Lesbian/Gay Community Resource Conference, PO Box 2505, Austin, TX 78768.

NASHVILLE

Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns has begun preparations for the church's 1988 General Conference and is working to strengthen the Reconciling Congregation Program through which local Methodist churches affirm their commitment to inclusive ministries with all persons, including gay women and men.

A special networking conference is scheduled for Kansas City in early March, 1987. The meeting will place special attention on building contacts among gay women and men with other United Methodists in the central USA.

The next Affirmation national meeting will be April 24-26, 1987, in Nashville, Tennessee. For further information about any Affirmation program, the organization can be contacted at PO Box 1021, Evanston, IL 60204.

SANTA ROSA

The second annual Conference on Gay Spirituality (COGS) is scheduled for January 24-25, 1987. Panels and workshops will be conducted to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, and contributions of gay people in spiritual work.

For more information, write COGS, PO Box 11554, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

STOCKTON

by Charlie Preston

The gay community of the delta is all agog, really agog that is, about the up-coming elections in Our Delta City Family (ODCF). (In case you hadn't heard, ODCF is the newest, largest, nicest, and prestigious gay social organization in the delta area.) Some people expect the current director, Bob Malera, to run again; if he bows out, the directorship may well fall to either Bernard Smith or his lover Jim Owens. Others suspect that the lesbians may field a slate of candidates!

Sites for the ODCF potlucks for the next four months are set. Write ODCF, PO Box 55191, Stockton, CA for details.

The Council Of The Realm now administers The Dominion Of The Delta. The Visitor Imperial (Viceroy) Charlie Preston has announced that an Official Restoration Of The Monarchy is set for March 28. The theme: "Dreams Of The Phoenix." Watch this column for further details about this coronation which will be the unique in the history of the Imperial System.

MCC Stockton, meeting Sundays at 6:00 PM in the Unitarian Church, 2737 Pacific Avenue, has a new pastor: Jean Hart.

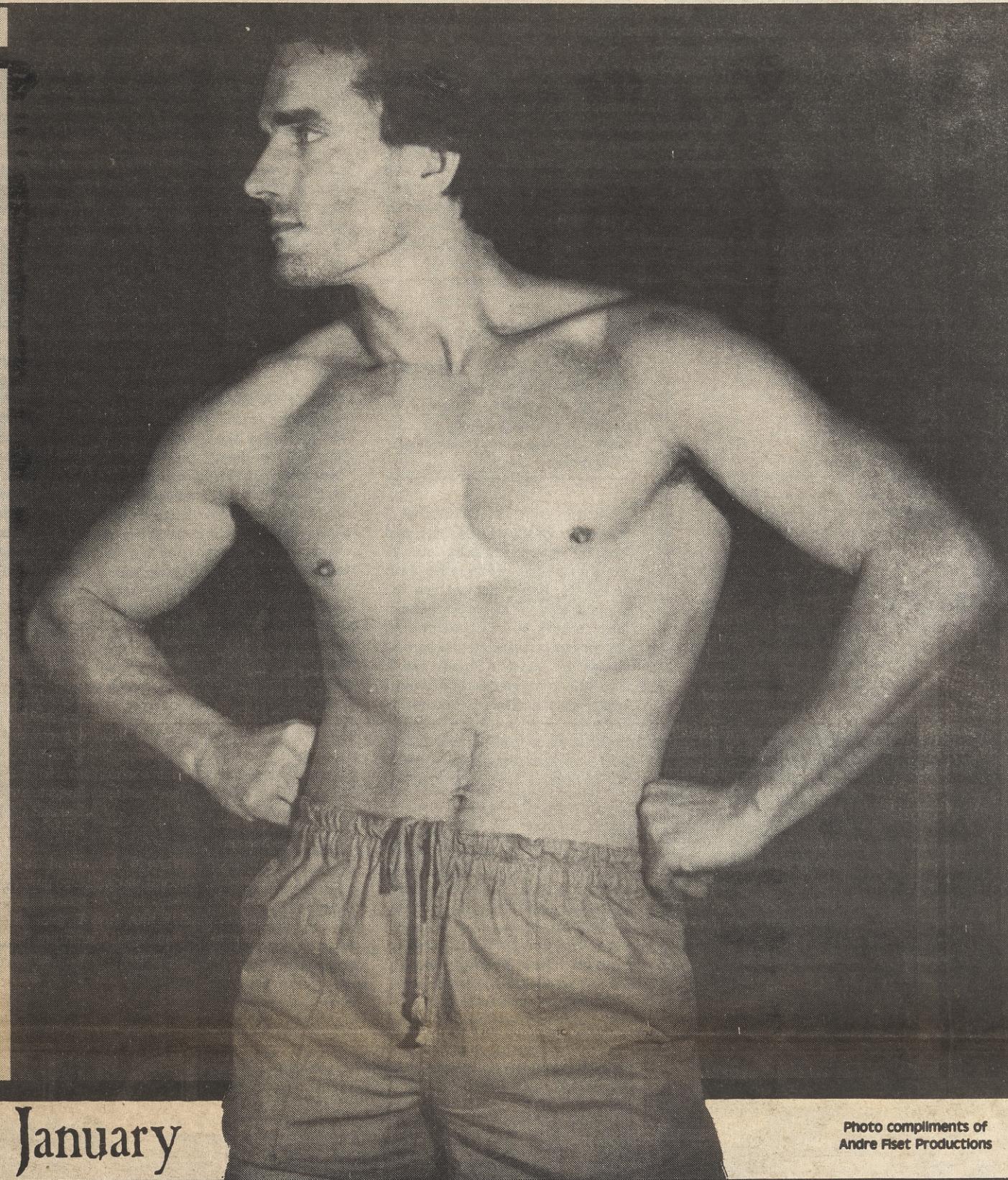


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TALL PHX BLOND, SF Parade: Are you the very tall, 6'4" or 5" GWM with green eyes who stole my heart at Burger King during the SF Gay Parade? At 1:15 PM, you were behind me in line. I noticed your white Arizona shirt and pointed it out to my Detroit friend. You said you'd like to move here—better politics & weather. I wore pink bowling shirt, had name tag on, blue eyes, hairy chest, 6', 31—you're younger. Never found you at Design Center dance. Please write soon to explore "Our Future," TAD DUNLAP, 205 Hartford St., San Francisco, CA 94114. (71CS)

NEED REAL FRIEND: GWM 37, 5'8", 145 lbs. bln, blue eyes. Not into drugs. Do not smoke. Basically a kid at heart. Seek trim stable GWM 30-40 who is sincere about a friendship/relationship. Someone who enjoys the outdoors as well as dancing, music and movies. Love mountain activities such as hiking, backpacking, snow skiing and trips to the beach. If you are sincere about starting a good relationship, please reply with letter and picture if possible to K.C., c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (72CS)

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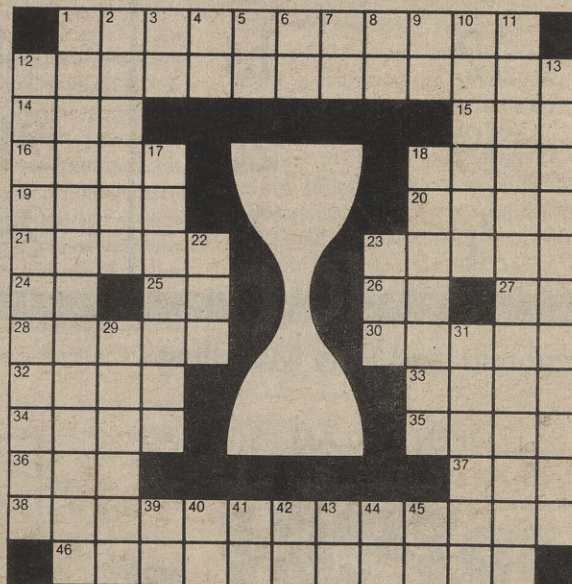
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A NEW YEAR



- 36. Bite
- 37. Three (It.)
- 38. Drab enclosures (2 wds.)
- 46. Wendy's jealousy over Peter (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1. Drag outfit (2 wds.)
- 2. Far out comb. forms
- 3. Talking animal
- 4. Article (Sp.)
- 5. Egyptian God
- 6. Our Lord (L. inits.)
- 7. Biblical king
- 8. Fem. inits.
- 9. Yes
- 10. Chant
- 11. Holiday gala (3 wds.)
- 12. Against Britan
- 13. Winter vehicles
- 17. Make copies (2 wds.)
- 18. Grounds boy (2 wds.)
- 22. Printer's measures
- 23. Phillipine tree
- 29. Refrigerate warning or convenient fly (2 wds.)
- 31. Weight watcher
- 39. Electronics inits.
- 40. Small state zip
- 41. You
- 42. Rel. sect.
- 43. Baseball designation
- 44. Dipthong
- 45. Yes (Sp.)

ACROSS

- 1. Queen's strange place (2 wds.)
- 12. New Year wishes (3 wds.)
- 14. After gross
- 15. Fla. gay newspaper
- 16. Maryland nickname
- 18. String toy name
- 19. Old Irish garment
- 20. Refreshed
- 21. Borden cow
- 23. Bed activity
- 24. Apple zip
- 25. Western zip
- 26. Paid newspaper space
- 27. Fake language
- 28. Horse steps
- 30. A so and so (wd., inits.)
- 32. Manchu's first Officer rank (abbr., wd.)
- 33. Cassava
- 34. Upper position
- 35. Bargain

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GWM, 41, 6'3"—160 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Very health conscious. Seeking Oriental or Spanish GM for friend, date and possible one-to-one lover relationship. Must be health conscious, honest, dependable. No drugs. Tobacco OK. Slim smooth body. 25-35. Reply with phone number and photo (if possible) to PL-129, PATLAR, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (79PL)

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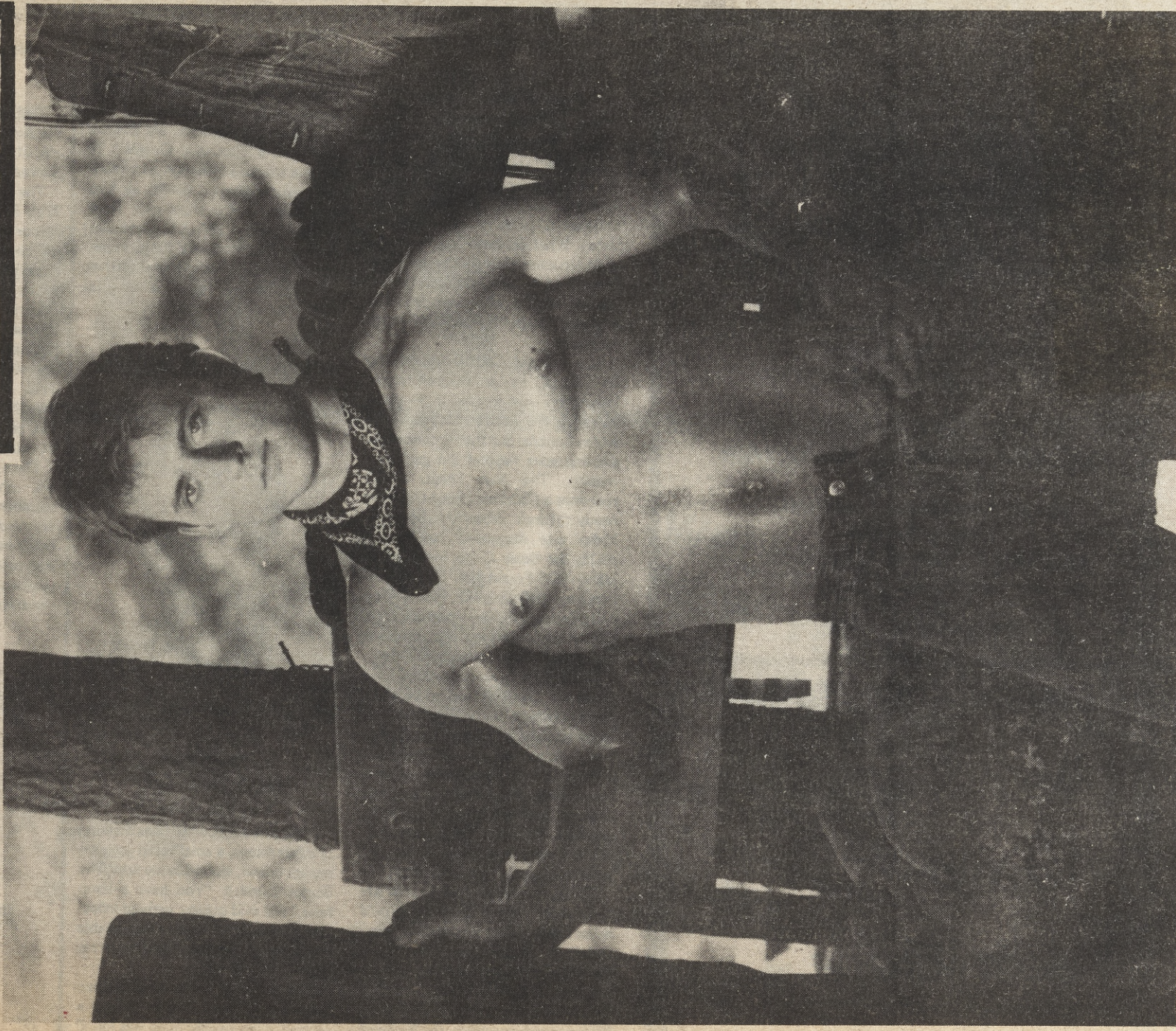
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